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CONSTITUENTS INSIDE A NATURAL
GAS NETWORK

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Sir:

Pursuant to Section 1.97 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and prior to the issuance of a first office action, record is hereby made of information the United States Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application which is being filed concurrently herewith under 35 U.S.C. 371. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better art than that listed is available.

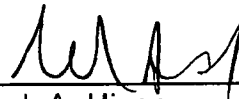
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As this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this IDS.

Patent documents DE 102 19 900 A1 (corresponding to US2006067875), EP 0 279 494 A2 (corresponding to US 4,824,452), EP 0 920 901 A2 (corresponding to US 6,102,987), and US 4,395,385 were all cited in the International Search Report of the corresponding International Application. A copy of the International Search Report, along with its English translation, which serves as a statement of relevance for any non-English references above, is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are enclosed herewith, along with Form PTO/SB/08A. It is requested that they be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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